

like the bill, the Fiscal impact and the Fiscal notes will be exaggerated in whatever position they would care to take and I don't see how this information can be given to us correctly or fairly or in time to make decent decisions. You know, if a bill is held up for three months waiting for a Fiscal impact statement or for a consumer/business impact statement that can effectively kill a piece of legislation, I think this is a noble goal but I'm afraid it is unworkable. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter, would you like to close on your motion?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have been drafting several amendments. I'm trying to find some sort of compromise that does not concentrate the objections that Senator Fowler seems to have about it and Senator DeCamp is suggesting. I do this because I think we do need to have every bit of information available to us as possible so I'd like to ask in turn, Senator Fowler first, if we place the responsibility for the request of a business/consumer impact statement in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee to which the bill is referred, would that be a satisfactory compromise? Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Bereuter, I guess I just... You hit me with it a couple of minutes ago. I'd like to think about it. I'm not sure. Maybe the introducer and the Committee Chairman, I'd guess I'd like reaction and thoughts from some of the Committee Chairmen whose Committee are going to be affected. I guess it's an alternative that we could, you know, leave open, let people think about for a day. I cannot honestly right now react. I guess I prefer my amendment but I'm willing to think about yours.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Well, I understand you prefer yours. Senator DeCamp, could I ask you the same question? Question being, instead of leaving it up to the sponsor would you find it equally satisfactory or more satisfactory in that it would not be in the hands of the introducer who is obviously biased, if we placed the ability to request such an opinion in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee to which a bill had been referred?

SENATOR DE CAMP: I think that is more acceptable. The Committee Chairman of course, has a legitimate reason for wanting some of this information in the Committee hearings. But so you understand my fear, my fear is that these would be used against business, against bills, and that the Fiscal Analyst would have an undue control over the legislative body, that these opinions that came out would be kind of like the Bible and you would just get up and recite one of those and say this will do thus and so, when indeed, I don't know that they would be in the best position to make this determination. I guess I'd have to think about it, just an hour or so.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Thank you, Senator. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I find it amazing the people across the nation, people in this state, are asking the Legislature to cross the nation, local, state and federal, to be more careful in what they do in placing regulations on people. We, here, I am confident, don't want to do things that cause more cost than benefit to consumers, to business. We need every possible bit of information we can receive. I find it very strange that we are so suspicious of Fiscal Analyst's Office operating under direction of the Legislature itself, operating on only a few